

Dear Editor:

The recent letter from Dr. Jess Hayden, Jr., regarding the need for standardization of nomenclature in the practice of sedation, local and general anesthesia in dentistry, has been read and re-read. The proposal is long overdue. I would encourage the ADSA to target this actively as a major project. A basic universal standard terminology is urgently needed in every area of dental consideration.

Sincerely,
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Gentlemen:

I have received a letter from a dental resident in which he states that your Society lists our institution as offering a "residency program in anesthesia for dentists . . .". If so, that is an error which I would like to correct. We do offer anesthesia rotations to

dental interns and oral surgery residents, but we expect our own residents to become board-eligible in the course of their training, and the American Board of Anesthesiology requires an M.D. or D.O. degree.

When I became Acting Chairman, I learned that one of our residents is a D.D.S., not M.D., and that his chances of getting privileges to use his skill in private hospitals are very limited. He is a good resident and could probably pass the Boards if he were allowed to take them. Whatever the rights of the matter may be, I would think it unwise to educate a man for eventual frustration, and although he has done well I do not plan to take another like him.

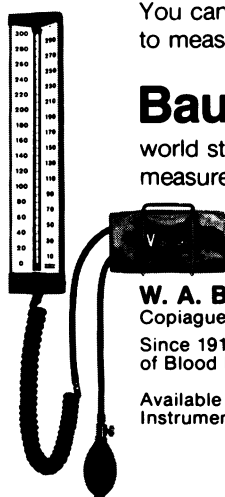
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